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CONTE SCHOOL RENOVATION



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NORTH ADAMS SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mayor Alcombright	Local Chief Executive Officer
John Hockridge	School Committee Member
James Montepare	Superintendent of Schools
J. Matt Neville	Local Official responsible for School Building Maintenance
William Meranti	Building Inspector, Representative of Office authorized by law to construct school buildings
Sandra Cote	School Principal
Jean Bacon	Member knowledgeable in educational mission and function of facility
Laura Wood	Member – MCPPO (Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official Program)
Nancy Ziter	Local Budget official or member of local finance committee
Gary Polumbo	Member of community with architecture, engineering and/or construction experience
Anne Yenolevich	Teacher
Keith Bona	Parent and City Council
John Franzoni	Assistant Principal
Spencer Moser	Parent and MCLA representative
Ron Superneau	Former School Committee
Michelle Vareschi	Sullivan School parent
Max Quinn	Student representative, Drury Class 2012 President, Valedictorian



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PROJECT COST AND FUNDING PLAN

City of North Adams Share

- Total Project Budget with All Contingencies: \$ 29.7 million
- MSBA Reimbursement: \$ 23.2 million
- **City of N. Adams Share: \$ 6.5 million**

City Administration has carefully calculated that the cost of the school can be absorbed into current and future tax rates without the need for an “override” or “debt exclusion” measure.



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MA SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY PROCESS

Process began in 2007. *School Building Committee* formed in 2010

MSBA Building Process



Steps primarily for:



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APPROVED OPTION: CONTE ADDITION & RENOVATION



Consistently the School Building Committee's Preferred Option:

- No modular classrooms, bussing, or student relocation costs required during construction
 - Does not disrupt the students
 - Saves the city significant costs (these items NOT reimbursed by the MSBA)
- Project Costs less than other options
- Current Conte floor plan provides a great beginning for the proposed educational layout
- Addresses the most pressing city need: the limitations of the Sullivan School
- Neighborhood school
- Celebrates a historic city building

SPACE SUMMARY – THE NEW CONTE SOLUTION

Sullivan does not meet state guidelines, is ageing and is difficult to expand.

The proposed Conte renovation will include:

- 5,000 sq. ft. more **Core Academic Space**
- 3,000 sq. ft. more **Special Education Space** (almost double)
- 2,000 sq. ft. more **Art & Music Space**
- 3,000 sq. ft. more **Health & Physical Education Space**
- 1,000 sq. ft. more **Library Space** (more than double)
- 1,000 sq. ft. more **Administration** and **Medical Suite Space**



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SITE PLAN



SOUTH ELEVATION AND DROP-OFF



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WEST ELEVATION



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GROUND FLOOR PLAN



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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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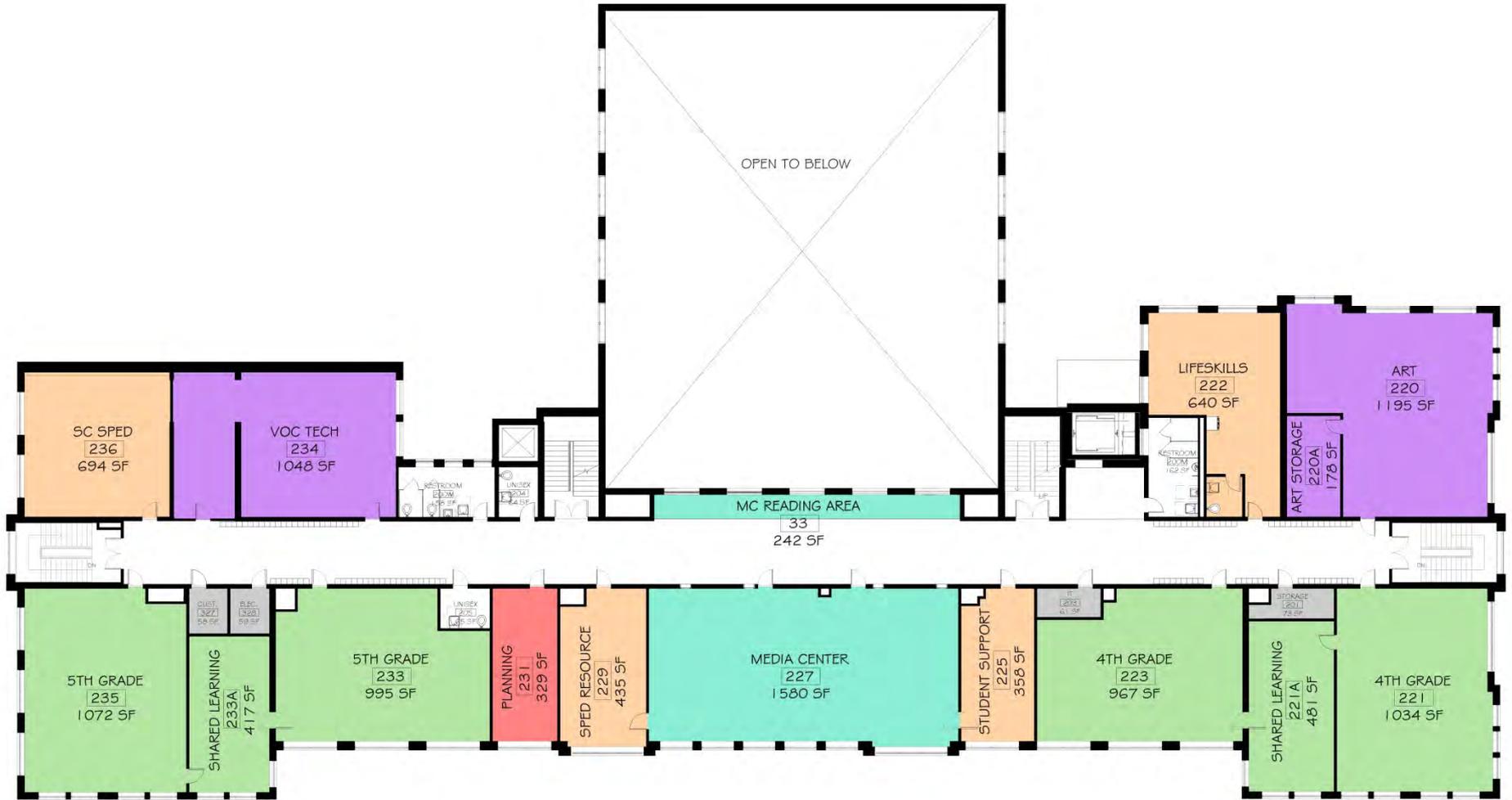


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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



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SECOND FLOOR CLASSROOM



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THIRD FLOOR PLAN



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INVESTING IN OUR SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY

District Priorities

- **Common space** for mandated integrated interdisciplinary instruction
- Equal and appropriate space for mandated **special education services**
- Appropriate accommodations for **security** and **student safety**
- State of the art **digital technology**
- **ADA compliant**
- Adequate grade level **gymnasium** and **outdoor playground space**
- **Early Childhood** approved
- Adequate **community space** for school wide events and performing arts
- Appropriate HVAC system to accommodate **after school** and **summer programming**
- **Energy effective** and **green friendly**

New School Benefits

- Building design and facility conditions have been associated with increased teacher motivation and student achievement
- The National Association of Realtors reports that the quality of schools is one of the two most important factors people and businesses consider when choosing a location
- Property values increase in neighborhoods with higher-spending schools. Impact of schools can increase property value from 5 - 10%



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NEXT STEPS

City of North Adams to vote on a referendum April 30, 2013

- Complete Detailed Design & Bid Documents 2013
- Construction 2014 / 2015
- Anticipated Move In 2015 academic year



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